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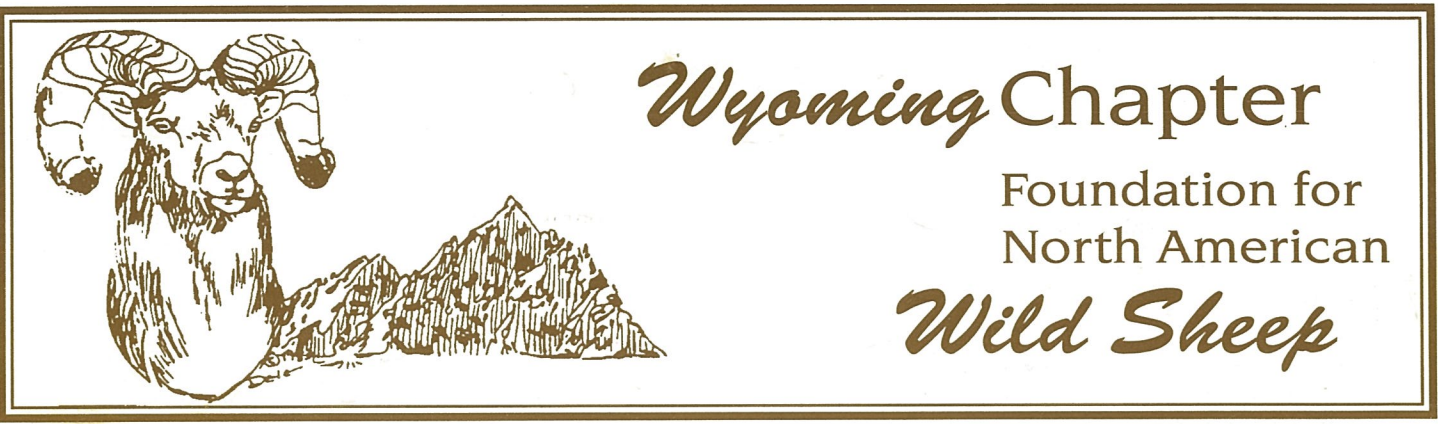
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President's Message

The Annual Meeting, Banquet and Fund Raiser Auction turned out to be a great success as we had nearly 150 members in attendance. This was the first year that we had a Bingo Room for the members or wives who did not wish to attend the afternoon session of the business meeting. Those members who played Bingo in the afternoon, enjoyed it very much, so we will plan for another Bingo session at our Annual Banquet which will be held in Sheridan, 2 December 1995. We did not have a large turn out for the Bingo since it was a last minute idea and was not mentioned in our last letter to the members.

The Wyo. Chapter was very happy to have the following people in attendance at our Banquet, Stan and Mary Flitner, Wyoming Game & Fish Commissioner from Greybull, Wyo., Dave Steger, Wyoming Game & Fish Commissioner from Riverton, Wyo., Jeff and Cindy Reynolds, 2nd Vice President Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, from Douglas, Wyo., Larry McGovern, President, Montana Chapter, from Billings, Montana and Harold Eischelman, Past President, Idaho, Chapter, from Boise, Idaho who is now running for Board of Directors at National.

A special thanks to Jim Gay for all his hard work in setting up the Banquet and Meeting Rooms at the Holiday Inn. It was a lot of work for him and he really did a marvelous job for us. Our thanks go to Mr. Jerry Fraser, Manager, Holiday Inn, for providing us with a great facility and wonderful meal.

Many thanks to B. Joe Coy and Jeff Reynolds for helping with the auction. B. Joe came from Cody, Wyo to help us.

Thanks to our Auctioneer, Ron Iverson, for doing such a great job with the auction, and his wife Janet, who did all of the clerical work for the auction, and, of course, Kathy Gay, our treasurer, who went above and beyond her responsibilities to make everything run smoothly. Kathy was presented with a birthday cake from the Board of Directors on her "39th" birthday which was December 5th.

A very special thanks to Jack Hildner and his son Mike who were just great as M.C. and drawing for all of the door prizes as well as the raffle tickets. Our thanks also to the Riverton Chamber of Commerce people who helped throughout the entire evening.

Thanks to our parent organization, The Foundation for North American Wild Sheep based in Cody, Wyo., who donated many items to our auction, including a 270 caliber F.N.A.W.S. rifle. I hope that many members from our Chapter will show their support of National by becoming a member. The dues are \$45.00 a year and can be sent to the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, 720 Allen Avenue, Cody, Wyoming 82414. Phone 307-527-6261. Don't forget the upcoming National Convention, March 8-11, at the Phoenix Civic Plaza, Phoenix, Arizona. I have attended many of these conventions and they are really a fun event.

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President's message cont. . .

Dave Moody and Tom Ryder, from Lander Game & Fish Office, gave us some badly needed information on the Wolf Re-introduction planned for Yellowstone Park, Idaho and Montana. The Wyoming Game & Fish Department is trying their best to get management capabilities on the wolves so that problem wolves that get outside of the Park can be controlled by trapping and removing.

The Chapter had a request for funding of up to \$2,000.00 from the No Wolf Option Committee, Arlene Hanson, of Wapiti, Wyo. The funds were to be used for attorney fees and to help put an injunction on the Federal Government to stop wolf re-introduction, until some authority is given to the state of Wyoming for management capabilities after the wolves have been introduced to Yellowstone Park. I, for one am disappointed that the members voted not to fund this request. I believe any delay of wolf re-introduction to the state of Wyoming only saves more big game animals for wild life observers, photographers and hunters to enjoy. This re-introduction of wolves will also cause a loss of revenue from hunting license sales, about 15% reduction, in antlerless animals, and will cause our Game and Fish Dept. more man hours and funds to manage the wolves. These funds could be better used to help with the habitat improvement for our big game animals.

Heather Gray, Director of the National Big Horn Sheep Interpretive Center in Dubois, Wyo. presented the members with a request for \$2,000.00 to be used for the purchase of plants to be planted around the Sheep Center to show visitors the type of forage the Big Horns prefer to eat. Signs will also be installed for visitor information. This request for funding was approved by the membership.

Kevin Hurley, Wild Life Biologist, from the Wyoming Game & Fish Department at Thermopolis, Wyo. made a request for funding the transplant of Big Horn Sheep into the North Fork of Owl Creek, located North West of Thermopolis, Wyo. The request was for \$6,200.00., \$800.00 to be used immediately for G.I.S. (on the ground mapping equipment) and \$5,400.00 to be used January of 1996 for Big Horn Sheep Transplants. Forty Big Horns will be transplanted in 1996, forty in 1997, and hopefully, forty in 1998.

Eighteen radio collars will be used, four to six on rams and the balance on ewes. These radio collars will be used to track the movements of the Big Horns for the first few years. This request for funding was approved with a unanimous vote from the membership.

Kevin also gave a slide show and presentation on Big Horn Sheep management in all areas of Wyoming during the Saturday afternoon meeting. The members found it very informative and well presented. A special thanks to Kevin for this fine presentation. Mr. Ed Bangs was unable to attend this meeting due to prior commitments.

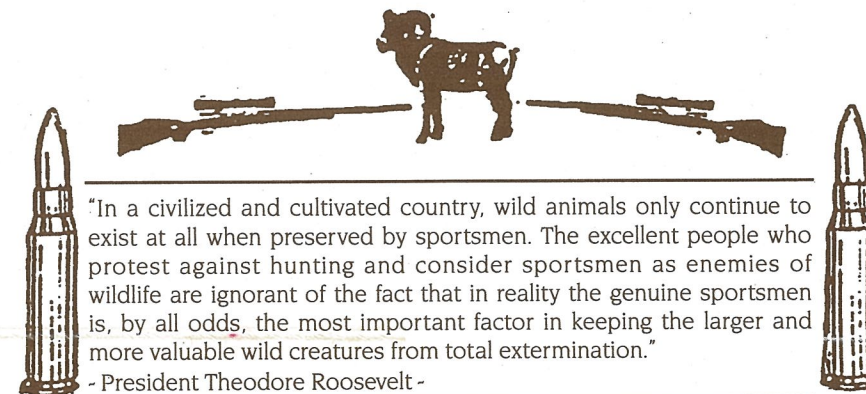
Kathy Firchow presented a request for \$2,000.00 for a Sheep Transplant of forty Big Horns into the Wind River Canyon between Thermopolis and Shoshoni, Wyo. The release site will be the mouth of Teeter Canyon on the west side of the highway. This population of Big Horns will be for viewing and photography only, as there is no hunting allowed in the canyon at this time, by anyone. The Wyoming Chapter funds will go to purchase six radio collars to be used for monitoring the movement of the Big Horns. This presentation was well received by the members and passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Lanka from the Wyoming Game & Fish Dept. in Lander, Wyo. requested additional funding of \$3,000.00 for the on-going Big Horn Sheep Study in the Temple Peak Area, which is hunting area #11. The Wyo. Chapter previously donated \$5,000.00 towards this project and felt that the study was going well. Bob gave an excellent report on what has happened with this study during the past year. The Wyo. Chapter members felt that this was a most worthwhile project and voted to continue funding of this project with the additional \$3,000.00.

The Wyoming Chapter took under consideration a request for funding in the amount of \$1,500.00 sent in by Bert Jellison of the Wyoming Game & Fish Dept., in Sheridan, Wyo. This money is to be used for evaluation of maps and areas in the Big Horn Mountains for potential Big Horn Sheep re-introduction sites. These sites could be used for transplanting Big Horns which could eventually mingle with the Big Horn Sheep previously introduced into Shell Canyon near Greybull, Wyo. The Chapter Members voted to fund this request.



Wyoming Chapter Life Member #2, Jeff Reynolds with his SUPER Big Horn Ram taken in Washington during the 1994 season. Congratulations Jeff on taking such a beautiful trophy Big Horn!



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A special thank you to Barry Dumaw who has donated 2 beautiful oil paintings of Big Horn Sheep to our Chapter Fundraiser Auction. We certainly appreciate his support.



Mountain Sheep Collars



Amanda Hart, Travis Kelly, Brandon Baldes and Natasha Byer, l-r, show four of the eight collars that students from Lucerne and Fort Washakie schools decorated for use on the mountain sheep. The collars were donated by the Wyoming Chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep. USFWS officials will provide the students with coordinates from the collars so the sheep's locations can be charted on school maps.

This picture appeared in the December 29th edition of the Thermopolis-Hot-Springs Independent News Paper, and shows how the Chapter funding for the Wind River Canyon Big Horn Sheep Transplant is being used.

SPRING MEETING

Our Spring Meeting will be held June 3, 1995, at the Holiday Inn of the Waters, Thermopolis, 864-3131. They have set aside a block of rooms for us, but you MUST make your reservations by May 15 and mention the Chapter in order to get a discounted room rate.

All of the times aren't quite finalized yet, but we'll be having a rifle/pistol/shotgun shoot at the Gun Club around noon, with a business meeting to follow in the park. Then we'll have a wine and cheese party at the Holiday, followed by the banquet. These Spring meetings are for fun, and we hope to see lots of you there.



SEND PICTURES

Members who have had a successful hunt, please send us a short article along with your pictures and we will print them in our next newsletter.



President's message cont. . . .

Dave Lockman, Education Supervisor for the Game & Fish Department, Cheyenne, Wyoming sent a request for funding in the amount of \$1,800.00 for development of the Outdoors Woman Program. This program would provide outdoor learning activities for women in our state. The money would be used to send two Game & Fish personnel to a three day workshop on planning and implementing a (Becoming an Outdoor Woman) program in Wyoming. The Game & Fish personnel attending the workshop in New Mexico could then implement this program in our state. The Wyoming Chapter Members voted to fund \$880.00 of this request.

Mr. Brant Junck, teacher, from Dubois, Wyo., who attended the Outdoor Leadership School in Jackson, Wyo., last summer, gave a report on the learning activities provided him at the school. He stated it was a fine learning experience for him and would like to see the Wyo. Chapter continue with funding for another teacher to attend in 1995. The cost of sending one teacher to this three day school is \$600.00. The Wyoming Chapter members voted to send at least one teacher to this school and possibly two, if sufficient applications are received from the teachers.

The Wyoming Chapter also voted to spend another \$250.00 for additional Animal Wheels which will be given out to various schools in Wyoming. These Wheels are used to give the children facts on big game animals found in North America today and are helpful in Science and Biology classes taught in our schools.

The Wyoming Chapter funded approximately \$17,000.00 this year. This is the most money ever funded by this Chapter in one year. As you can see, more money will be needed in the future to keep up with all of the worthwhile requests that this Chapter receives. I hope that more of the Chapter Membership will get involved with this organization and many new members will also join us in guiding the Wyoming Chapter in the years to come.

Ronald W. Ball, President
Wyoming Chapter, F.N.A.W.S.
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By the time you read this newsletter, Wolves will already be in pens in Yellowstone Park. The plan is for the wolves to be released into the Park in late March of this year. It seems the Federal Government knows more about what is best for Wyoming than all the people that live here..

In our photo contest at the banquet and auction this year, Jim Gay of Riverton placed first, Randy Taylor of Lander was second, and Jonetta Sommers of Pinedale was third. We had some fine photos to view during the evening and the winners were chosen by People's Choice ballots.



Wyoming Chapter

Foundation for North American Wild Sheep

BALANCE SHEET

12-1-93 To 11-30-94

BALANCE FORWARD FROM 11-30-93 \$ 13,232.57

INCOME

DUES	\$ 665.00	
CONV. FOOD & DRINK	3,625.00	
CONV. AUCTIONS & RAFFLES	25,222.00	
INTEREST ON CHECKING	472.92	
CASH DONATIONS	530.40	
COMMISSIONER'S LICENSES & HUNTS	5,165.00	
TOTAL INCOME		+ \$ 35,680.32

EXPENSES

CONV. FOOD & DRINK	\$ 3,274.15	
CONV. POSTAGE & OFFICE	1,469.34	
CONV. ADVERTISING	360.35	
CONV. AUCTION & RAFFLE ITEMS	13,426.55	
OFFICE & PHONE	1,728.82	
AWARDS & TROPHIES	20.80	
COMMISSIONER'S LICENSES & HUNTS	1,255.00	
SHEEP PROJECTS	5,652.78	

TOTAL EXPENSES	- \$ 27,187.79
LESS LIFE MEMBER CD	- 3,000.00
TOTAL IN CHECKING	\$ 18,725.10

PLUS CD's	1) \$ 5,707.92 + \$ 299.93 INTEREST	6,007.85
	2) \$ 7,744.46 + \$ 211.26 INTEREST	7,955.72
	3) \$ 3,000.00	3,000.00
	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 35,688.67

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Wyoming Chapter member, Corbin Ball with his Boone and Crocket Black Bear taken in Alaska during the 1994 season. What a great Bear and good coloration 7 foot 3 inches!

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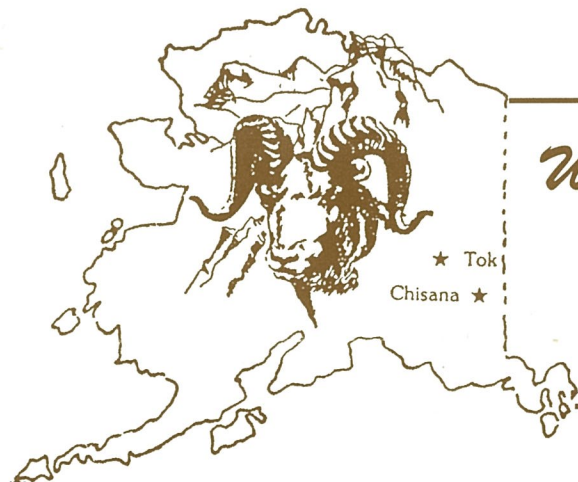
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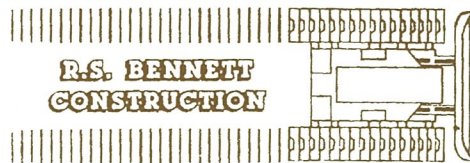
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Ray McNutt, donated a Dall Sheep hunt to the Wyo. Chapter last year at the Casper Winter Meeting. Jim Braun of Casper, Wyo. purchased the hunt and had a successful hunt this year taking a very nice trophy Dall Ram. Ron Ball also hunted with Ray during the 1992 season and took a great ram also. If anyone is interested in a good Dall Sheep Hunt, you can't go wrong with Ray. Ray has a first rate hunt area and is one of the very few Outfitters in Alaska that uses horses on his hunts. Caribou and Moose are also available along with the Dall Sheep Hunts.



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Just a reminder to those of you who did not attend the banquet, your dues are now due and can be sent to Kathy.

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This Polaris 4x4 300 four-wheeler was won in a drawing recently by Earl Call, at left, of Wheatland, Wyo. He is shown with Freddie Goetz, parts manager for C.H. Brown in Wheatland, at right. The vehicle was partially donated by C.H. Brown of Wheatland, C.H. Brown of Riverton, and Polaris Industries. The raffle was a fundraiser for the Wyoming Chapter, Foundation for North American Wild Sheep. (R-T photo by Dee Huls)

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Jim Collins, newly elected Chapter Vice President, handing out a shotgun to member Betty Fear of Big Piney, who was the successful bidder.



Fred Novotny, one of the lucky auction bidders with a new shotgun.



Cole D. Benton, of Buffalo, Wyoming, was the first place winner of the raffle and took home the 270 caliber Winchester Rifle.



Jack Hildner, handing out a Kolpin Gun Case to one of the lucky raffle ticket winners.



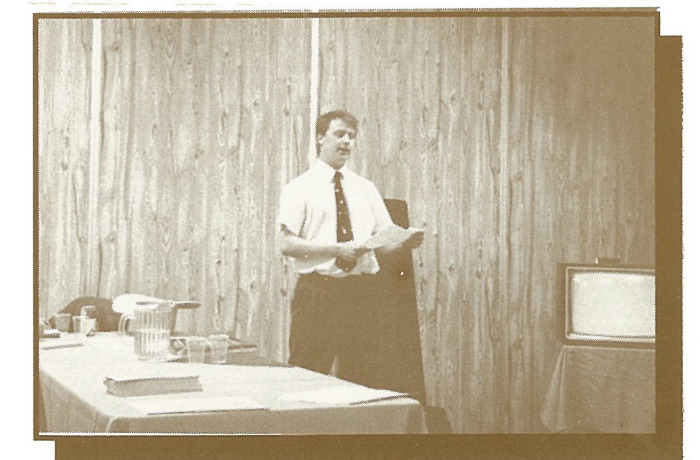
Mike and Jack Hildner of Riverton did a grand job of being our M.C. during the banquet and auction. They worked together all evening drawing raffle tickets and door prizes for the lucky winners. On the right is Ron Iverson who did an outstanding job as our Auctioneer.



Lisa Bunner, of Casper, Wyoming was the lucky winner of the Ruger 10-22 Rifle on the punch board.



Wyo. Game & Fish representatives Tom Ryder and Dave Moody from the Lander Office gave the Chapter Members a presentation on Wolf Reintroduction in Wyoming, at our business meeting Saturday A.M.



Brant Junck, Teacher from Dubois, who was the teacher picked last year to go to the Outdoor Leadership School in Jackson, WY provided the membership with a video program and report on the learning activities of the school.